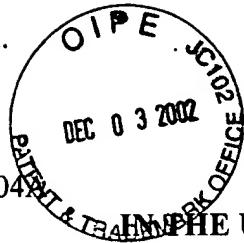


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This is in response to the official action mailed August 30, 2002, (Paper No. 15) for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for reviewing the instant application. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 16 and 17 as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for producing an immune stimulating composition comprising:

treating bacteria containing peptidoglycan with an acid treatment solution having a pH of less than 6.8, wherein said solution is substantially free of added raffinose and added enzymes;

removing insoluble components from the solution resulting from said treating; saving the remaining solution and adjusting the pH to a physiologically acceptable pH; and

obtaining thereby an immune stimulating composition.

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